

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A semiconductor integrated circuit device having a dynamic RAM, said dynamic RAM comprising a memory array, a RAM control section, an ECC-codec circuit, and an ECC controller, said RAM control section comprising a command decoding section responsive to an external command from the outside of said dynamic RAM for decoding the external command and a super self-refresh control circuit, wherein:

said command decoding section is also adapted to receive an internal command generated inside said dynamic RAM and to decode the internal command;

said ECC controller comprising a command generating section and an address generating section;

said command decoding section delivering a start instruction signal representative of encoding to said ECC controller when an entry command is decoded as the external command;

said command generating section of said ECC controller delivering, upon reception of the start instruction signal, a first operation mode signal representative of the encoding and simultaneously making said address generating section of said ECC controller sequentially generate addresses corresponding to operation timings of the first operation mode signal and supply the addresses to said memory array;

said ECC-codec circuit carrying out, upon reception of the first operation mode signal, an encoding operation of producing a check bit for error detection/correction with reference to information data stored in said memory array and writing the check bit into a predetermined region of said memory array;

said command generating section of said ECC controller delivering, upon completion of the encoding operation by said ECC-codec circuit, a first

nd signal as th internal command to said command decoding section;

said super self-refresh control circuit of said RAM control section starting, when said command decoding section receives and decodes the first end signal as the internal command, a super self-refresh operation which has a refresh cycle lengthened within an allowable range of error occurrence by an error correcting operation using the check bit.

2. A semiconductor integrated circuit device as claimed in claim 1, wherein:

the entry command is supplied by a user to said dynamic RAM.

3. A semiconductor integrated circuit device as claimed in claim 1, wherein:

said command decoding section delivering, when an exit command as the external command is decoded, a stop instruction signal representative of decoding to said ECC controller;

said super self-refresh control circuit of said RAM control section finishes the super self-refresh operation when said command decoding section decodes the exit command;

said command generating section of said ECC controller delivering, upon reception of the stop instruction signal, a second operation mode signal representative of the decoding and simultaneously making said address generating section of said ECC controller sequentially generate addresses corresponding to operation timings of the second operation mode signal and supply the addresses to said memory array;

said ECC-codec circuit carrying out, upon reception of the second operation mode signal, a decoding operation of reading the check bit for error detection/correction from the predetermined region of said memory array and correcting, with reference to the check bit and the information data stored in said memory array, an rror in th information data to rewrite th information data;

said command generating section of said ECC controller delivering, upon completion of the encoding operation by said ECC-codec circuit, a second end signal as the internal command to said command decoding section.

4. A semiconductor integrated circuit device as claimed in claim 3, wherein:

said command generator of said ECC controller delivers the second end signal to said command decoder of said RAM control section as the internal command upon completion of the decoding operation by said ECC-CODEC circuit;

said RAM control section automatically starting a self-refresh operation and holding data in response to the second end signal.

5. A semiconductor integrated circuit device as claimed in claim 3, wherein:

said command generator of said ECC controller delivers the second end signal to said command decoder of said RAM control section as the internal command upon completion of the decoding operation by said ECC-CODEC circuit;

said RAM control section subsequently receiving a refresh operation instruction from the outside and holding data.

6. A semiconductor integrated circuit device as claimed in claim 3, wherein:

the entry command and the exit command are supplied by a user to said dynamic RAM.

7. A semiconductor integrated circuit device having a dynamic RAM, said dynamic RAM comprising a memory array, a RAM control section, an error correction circuit, and a BIST (built-in self-test) controller, said RAM control section comprising a command decoding section responsive to an external command from the outside of said dynamic RAM for decoding the external command, wherein:

said command decoding section is also adapted to receive an internal command generated inside said dynamic RAM and to decode the internal command;

said BIST controller comprising a command generating section and an address generating section;

said command decoding section delivering a start instruction signal representative of checking to said error correction circuit when a BIST entry command is decoded as the external command;

said command generating section of said BIST controller delivering, upon reception of the start instruction signal, an operation mode signal representative of the checking and simultaneously making said address generating section of said BIST controller sequentially generate addresses corresponding to operation timings of the operation mode signal and supply the addresses to said memory array;

said error correction circuit producing, upon reception of the operation mode signal, write data corresponding to the addresses sequentially generated, writing the write data into a predetermined region or an entire region of said memory array, producing expectation data corresponding to the addresses sequentially generated, comparing the expectation data with information data read from said memory array, detecting an error in the information data, and, upon completion of error detection, delivering an end signal as the internal command to said command decoding section;

delivery of the operation mode signal being stopped when said command decoding section receives and decodes the end signal as the internal command.

8. A semiconductor integrated circuit device as claimed in claim 7, wherein:

the BIST entry command is supplied by a user to said dynamic RAM.

9. A semiconductor integrated circuit as claimed in claim 7, wherein:

said BIST controller further comprises a register circuit which holds the result of the error detection;

said BIST controller making said register circuit deliver the result of error detection to the outside when said command decoder receives a readout instruction as the external command.

10. A semiconductor integrated circuit device as claimed in claim 3, wherein:

said ECC-codec circuit further comprises a register circuit which holds an error detection signal of said ECC-codec circuit as a result of error detection;

said ECC-codec circuit making said register circuit deliver the result of error detection to the outside when said command decoder receives a readout instruction as the external command.

11. A semiconductor integrated circuit device as claimed in claim 3, wherein:

said ECC controller further comprises a register circuit which holds an error location detection instruction of said ECC controller as a result of the error detection;

said ECC controller making said register circuit deliver the result of error detection to the outside when said command decoder receives a readout instruction as the external command.

12. A semiconductor integrated circuit device as claimed in claim 3, wherein:

sequential decoding is used in decoding an error correction code in said super self-refresh operation, error location detection being executed by backward cyclic shift of a cyclic shift register, other operations being executed by forward cyclic shift.